



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City Arts Advisory Committee and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 19, 2012 • 3:30 - 5:00 pm
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Robert Adams, Roman Baratiak, Darian Blecher, Carol Taylor

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Nathan Vonk

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Darian Blecher, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner, Susan Keller

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Absent:

Teen Conlon, Phyllis de Picciotto

Liaisons Present:

Paul Zink, (ABR)

Liaisons Absent:

Frank Hotchkiss (City Council), Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation), Barry Winick (HLC)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II

Leslee Sipress, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Fairly-Green at 3:38 PM and roll was called.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair

A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2012 were approved as submitted.

B. Director's Report - Ginny Brush

The Committee heard updates on:

1. **The City online grant and review process:** This year marked the inaugural launch of the online grant submittal process. For those who were less tech literate, the process posed some challenges, but overall the online grant submittal process was considered a success and a great improvement for both applicants and review panelists. Staff will review ways to refine and improve the process for next year.
2. **The County Arts Commission's Community Arts Enrichment Grants:** On April 30th, the Arts Commission received 29 grant applications for proposed projects throughout Santa Barbara County. Of these, 17 were approved for funding in amounts ranging from \$600 to \$3500.

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The next CAE grants will be due September 30th for awarding in late October 2012.

3. **The Forum on Arts and Cultural Tourism Economic Impact on Santa Barbara County** will be held October 4th from 3 – 5 PM at the Lobero Theatre with Keynote speaker Randy Cohen, Vice President of the Americans for the Arts. The event is a partnership with County Arts Commission, the Santa Barbara Conference & Visitors Bureau and Film Commission. A reception to follow in the Lobero Courtyard. Results of the nationwide survey and specifics for Santa Barbara County will be made available to those in attendance.
4. **California Arts Day and National Humanities Month:** Many events are scheduled to coincide in this high profile month including the reading of Proclamations at the County Board of Supervisors and the SB City Council and announcement of this year's City Community Arts and Cultural Events Festivals award recipients. The California Arts Council has designated October 5th as California Arts Day. Funk Zone-focused events are scheduled for October 5th and 6th, and 1st Thursday will kick off Epicure SB a month long focus on local food, libation and culture.

C. Review and approval of City Organizational Development and Community Art Grant Recommendations:

The Community Arts subcommittee met on June 19, 2012, and reviewed all applications to the Community Arts Grant Program. A total of \$133,400 was requested by 26 nonprofit organizations. The committee recommended twenty-two of the applicants for funding. Most of those not funded had incomplete applications or their request did not meet the criteria for Community Arts.

The Organizational Development subcommittee met on June 14, 2012 and reviewed all of the applications submitted to the Organizational Development Grant Program. A total of \$485,598 was requested by 39 nonprofit organizations for the \$141,763 available in this pool. Thirty-six of the applicants are recommended for funding. Those not funded had incomplete applications or their request did not meet the criteria for Organizational Development.

The Arts Advisory committee reviewed the subcommittees' recommendations and unanimously approved them as presented: *M/S/C: Baratiak/Adams*

- D. Business in Art Award:** Nominations were presented for the Arts Advisory's Annual Business in Art Award to be presented at the Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards in September. The winner, selected by secret ballot will be announced at the event.

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE – Judy Nilsen, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm.

A. Cacique Street Bridge Update – Ginny Brush: Funds sources are still being sought after for this project.

B. Staff Reports - Rita Ferri

1. **The Herbert Bayer Chromatic Gate:** The Arts Commission has had three meetings with the *Restore Our Rainbow* Committee and Arts Fund representatives concerning their youth and other community activities planned for July 21. The Mayor will be in attendance and Santa

Barbara Beautiful will present a check for \$10,000. KEYT will cover the event. A meeting is scheduled with City Parks and Recreation for July 25th to give them an update on the planned

restoration. The Chromatic Gate Restoration fundraising is moving ahead with strong gains. Funding support for Restoration of Herbert Bayer's Chromatic Gate to date is \$55,500.69. Expenses for the restoration to date are: \$1,676.85 bringing the total to \$53,823.84.

2. **Channing Peake Gallery:** *Santa Barbara Printmakers Guild: 19th Anniversary Juried Exhibition* in the Peake Gallery continued to celebrate their anniversary with a very successful 1st Thursday event on July 5th with award-winning artists displaying their portfolios in the gallery. Approximately 200 hundred people attended throughout the evening and shared many of their diverse prints and talked about their process and also shared many of their original plates that created the prints. Printmaking docents were on hand and were available to answer questions about all forms of printmaking with visitors to the gallery. The Printmakers will also be appearing soon on David Starkey's Creative Community program.

C. Announcements:

1. Ginny announced a planned joint meeting for the Douglas Lockner airport project dealing with concerns regarding scale of the project. The first meeting will be on the ABR schedule for August 20th. She encouraged support for the project by attendance from the group.
2. Ginny also mentioned the successful moving of the Joseph Knowles Murals on East Victoria Street to Chapala Street (around the corner) as part of the Alma Del Pueblo project.
3. Jacqueline reminded the group of the coming Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards at the Music Academy of the West on September 30th. Invitations will be sent soon.
4. Rita mentioned that the great Sci Fi Film Series at the Courthouse sunken garden has been well attended. Art from Scrap was busy making masks prior to the film.
5. Judy announced that Art from Scrap's *One Night Stand* event will take place on the evening of August 11th at Brooks Gallery.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 20, 2012 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.